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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON  
HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6250

March 30, 2026

Dr. George Zoley  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
The GEO Group, Inc.  
4955 Technology Way  
Boca Raton, FL 33431

Dear Dr. Zoley:

We write regarding allegations that Corey Lewandowski, who until recently served as a Special Government Employee (SGE) and chief advisor at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), repeatedly solicited personal payments from government contractors, including the GEO Group, in exchange for favorable contract decisions.<sup>1</sup> If true, this conduct constitutes blatant corruption and a violation of federal bribery and procurement integrity laws and regulations.<sup>2</sup>

Recent reporting describes a troubling pattern of alleged pay-to-play conduct by Mr. Lewandowski. According to the report, in one instance, during the presidential transition, Mr. Lewandowski reportedly told you that he would need to be paid in exchange for protecting and growing the GEO Group's DHS contracts. Allegedly, you offered to put Mr. Lewandowski on retainer, which, if true, would raise serious legal and ethical concerns. Mr. Lewandowski reportedly rejected that offer and asked for compensation based on new or renewed contracts. When you declined this arrangement, Mr. Lewandowski reportedly ordered that no further contracts be awarded to the GEO Group.<sup>3</sup>

These allegations are particularly troubling due to Mr. Lewandowski's designation as an SGE, a status that enables individuals to consult for the government on a temporary, unpaid basis while still on the payroll of private companies.<sup>4</sup> SGEs are subject to many of the same conflict of interest laws as all other federal employees.<sup>5</sup> To further prevent conflicts of interest among SGEs, Congress set a maximum period of service of 130 days per year—a restriction Mr.

<sup>1</sup> Julia Ainsley, Matt Dixon, et al., "Some DHS contractors told White House officials they were asked to pay Corey Lewandowski," *NBC News*, Mar. 19, 2026, <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/dhs-contractors-told-white-house-officials-asked-pay-corey-lewandowski-rcna263744>.

<sup>2</sup> *E.g.*, 18 U.S.C. § 201, 48 CFR § 3; 41 U.S.C. §§ 8701-8707; 18 U.S.C. § 208 (prohibiting special government employees from personally and substantially participating in any particular matter that would have a direct and predictable effect on the employee's financial interests).

<sup>3</sup> Ainsley, Dixon, et al., "Some DHS contractors told White House officials they were asked to pay Corey Lewandowski."

<sup>4</sup> 18 U.S.C. § 202(a); Sean Craig, "Corey Lewandowski Gets a Job In, of All Places, Kristi Noem's DHS," *Daily Beast*, Feb. 12, 2025, <https://www.thedailybeast.com/corey-lewandowski-gets-a-job-in-of-all-places-kristi-noems-dhs/>.

Lewandowski appears to have violated.<sup>6</sup> While then-Secretary Noem testified under oath before Congress on March 3, 2026, that Mr. Lewandowski had no role in approving DHS contracts, there are numerous reports indicating that this is not true.<sup>7</sup> For example, the *Wall Street Journal* reported that, at Mr. Lewandowski's urging, DHS moved away from long-term contracts in favor of new contracts, most of which were subject to then-Secretary Noem's \$100,000 approval policy.<sup>8</sup> Furthermore, publicly available evidence suggests that, as part of this policy, he reviewed all DHS contracts worth more than \$100,000 before then-Secretary Noem's final approval.<sup>9</sup> If true, Mr. Lewandowski was directly involved with contracts or other transactions to the very same companies from whom he may have directly or indirectly received financial compensation.

Federal law is unambiguous: it is illegal to give, offer, or promise anything of value to influence official acts by public officials.<sup>10</sup> In light of these serious allegations, we request that the GEO Group preserve all records that are subject to pending litigation or Congressional inquiries related to the GEO Group contracting practices and the company's interactions with Mr. Lewandowski, and to provide the following documents and information by April 13, 2026:

1. All documents and communications, including, but not limited to, e-mail, text messages, and Signal communications or other encrypted messaging apps, between officers and executives of the GEO Group, including, but not limited to, its affiliates and subsidiaries, and Mr. Lewandowski, since November 5, 2024;
2. All documents and communications, including, but not limited to, e-mail, text messages, and Signal communications or other encrypted messaging apps, between the GEO Group and procurement, acquisition, contracting, or ethics officials at DHS or its components, regarding upcoming contracts, solicitations, contract extensions, other transactions, or other business opportunities, since January 21, 2025;
3. Documents that evidence any direct or indirect payment from the GEO Group, including, but not limited to, its officers, executives, employees, affiliates, and subsidiaries, to Mr. Lewandowski, including, but not limited to, any entity of which Mr. Lewandowski is or has been a trustee, officer, beneficial owner, or employee, since November 5, 2024; and

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<sup>5</sup> U.S. Office of Government Ethics, A Summary of Ethical Requirements Applicable to SGEs, DO-00-003, Feb. 15, 2000, [https://www.oge.gov/web/oge.nsf/News+Releases/5E9A1888068E7CDE852585BA005BED9D/\\$FILE/DO-00-003-2.pdf](https://www.oge.gov/web/oge.nsf/News+Releases/5E9A1888068E7CDE852585BA005BED9D/$FILE/DO-00-003-2.pdf).

<sup>6</sup> Marc Caputo, Brittany Gibson, et al., "Lewandowski back for another year as DHS's part-time power broker," *Axios*, Jan. 23, 2026, <https://www.axios.com/2026/01/23/corey-lewandowski-kristi-noem-homeland-security>.

<sup>7</sup> Joshua Kaplan and Justin Elliott, "Kristi Noem Mised Congress About Top Aide's Role in DHS Contracts," *ProPublica*, Mar. 4, 2026, [www.propublica.org/article/kristi-noem-dhs-mised-senate-judiciary-corey-lewandowski-contracts](http://www.propublica.org/article/kristi-noem-dhs-mised-senate-judiciary-corey-lewandowski-contracts).

<sup>8</sup> Michelle Hackman, Josh Dawsey, et al., "A Pilot Fired Over Kristi Noem's Missing Blanket and the Constant Chaos Inside DHS," *Wall Street Journal*, Feb. 12, 2026, [www.wsj.com/politics/policy/chaos-kristi-noem-homeland-security-f095ac95](http://www.wsj.com/politics/policy/chaos-kristi-noem-homeland-security-f095ac95).

<sup>9</sup> Ainsley, Dixon, et al., "Some DHS contractors told White House officials they were asked to pay Corey Lewandowski."

<sup>10</sup> 18 U.S.C § 201.

4. Documents sufficient to show all invoices to the GEO Group, including, but not limited to, its officers, executives, employees, affiliates, and subsidiaries, from Mr. Lewandowski, including, but not limited to, entities of which Mr. Lewandowski is or was a trustee, officer, beneficial owner, or employee, since November 5, 2024.

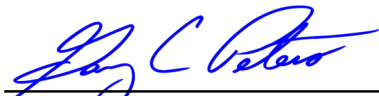
It is essential that the public maintains full confidence in the integrity of federal spending, ensuring that all contracts are awarded through a competitive, merit-based process that upholds the highest ethical standards, rather than personal influence. We expect your full cooperation with this request.

Sincerely,



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Ruben Gallego  
United States Senator



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Gary C. Peters  
United States Senator  
Ranking Member, Committee  
on Homeland Security and  
Governmental Affairs



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Margaret Wood Hassan  
United States Senator



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Richard Blumenthal  
United States Senator  
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Subcommittee on  
Investigations



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